

Workshop On Restoration Of Riparian Areas For Water Quality and Ecological Functions

The U.S. Army Engineer Research and Development Center (ERDC), Environmental Laboratory, announces the availability of a free workshop to Corps of Engineers employees. The 3-day workshop, which has been taught the past five years (2002 and 2004 in Louisville, KY; 2003 in Phoenix, AZ; 2005 in Anchorage, AK; 2006 in Buffalo, NY), is scheduled for 28-30 August, 2007 in Missoula, MT. The Missoula area offers an excellent opportunity to look at stream and riparian systems in a range of conditions and settings. This workshop will include a variety of technical presentations by ERDC engineers and scientists on riparian restoration and management, centering on the prevention and control of non-point source pollution using riparian buffer strips along streams, rivers, lakes, and wetlands. We will also address methods and techniques that provide a broad range of physical and ecological functions, including streambank protection and bioengineering, and habitat and movement corridors. This workshop will provide a more in-depth analysis and presentation of the problems and potential solutions available for the assessment, design, and implementation of riparian buffer strips that may be lacking in other courses.

Currently, there are 30 available openings for the course. If you are interested in attending the course, please send your request for attendance to the course coordinator, Dr. Richard Fischer (Richard.a.fischer@erdc.usace.army.mil). In past years, the course has filled quickly; so do not delay in reserving a spot. Slots not filled by 15 May will be opened up to other agencies. Further details about the meeting, including agenda, hotel, and travel logistics will be provided once a final list of attendees has been completed.